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SUBJECT: MFA COMMENTS ON REQUEST FOR BILATERAL
WITH THE SECRETARY

REF: COPENHAGEN 2047

1. SUBSEQUENT TO MY CONVERSATION WITH PERMANENT
UNDER SECRETARY, DCM ASKED THORNING-PTERSEN (T-P) OF THE
MFA'S POLITICAL DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE POSSIBLE BILATERAL WITH
THE SECRETARY.

2. T-P STRESSED, AS HAD THE PERM UNDER SECRETARY, THAT THE
DANES VERY MUCH WANTED TO HAVE THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON DE-
VELOPMENTS IN THE ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE. THEY HAD BEEN PLEASED
THAT WE HAD SUGGESTED CONSULTATION WITH THE NINE ON THE SUBJECT
OF POSSIBLE EXPULSION FROM THE UN AND WANTED TO BE ABLE
TO SUPPORT US IN TALKS WITH THEIR EC COLLEAGUES. THEY
BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE US AND THE NINE STAND TOGETHER
IN MEETING THIS CHALLENGE.

3. IN ADDITION, T-P SAID, FONMIN ANDERSEN WANTED TO
DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF FOLLOW-UP TO THE CSCE. THE DANES
HAVE GENERALLY LED THE WAY ON THIS ISSUE,
AND THEY WOULD NOW LIKE TO GET THE SECRETARY'S LATEST VIEWS

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ON THE SUBJECT.

4. T-P REVEALED THAT THE DANES EXPECTED PRIMIN JORGENSEN TO MEET WITH BREZHNEV IN HELSINKI. THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE DANISH PUBLIC WOULD REGARD IT AS PROPER IF THERE WAS NOT ALSO A SENIOR MEETING WITH A PROMINENT AMERICAN. THIS WAS ANOTHER REASON WHY ANDERSEN WANTED TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY.

5. COMMENT:THE LATTER POINT IS IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF "BALANCE" WHICH IS PARTICULARLY DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATS LIKE THE FOREIGN MINISTER. NEVERTHELESS, I BEIEVE IT WULD BE USEFUL IF THE SECRETAY COULD FIND TME TO MEET WITH ANDERSEN. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE CSCE, THEY WANT TO BE HELPFUL IN THE ISRAEL/UN ISSUE, AND THEY STOOD UP TO CONSIDERABLE FLACK IN AGREEING TO BUY THE F-16.
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